



General Assembly

February Session, 2010

Raised Bill No. 5354

LCO No. 1659

* ____HB05354HS____032310____*

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR HOSPITALS TO ADOPT
ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services shall, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health,
3 take such action as the Commissioner of Public Health deems
4 necessary to meet the qualification criteria established pursuant to
5 Section 4201 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,
6 P.L. 111-5 to obtain (1) matching funds for the Department of Social
7 Services' administrative planning activities related to health
8 information technology; and (2) incentive payments for hospitals and
9 eligible professionals who are meaningful electronic health record
10 users. The Commissioner of Social Services shall disburse any federal
11 incentive funds for hospitals and eligible professionals that the
12 commissioner receives pursuant to this section to each hospital and
13 eligible professional not later than five business days after receipt of
14 such funds.

15 Sec. 2. Section 19a-25g of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
16 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
17 *from passage*):

18 (a) [On and after July 1, 2009, the] The Department of Public Health
19 [shall be the lead health information exchange organization for the
20 state. The department] shall seek private and federal funds [, including
21 funds made available pursuant to the federal American Recovery and
22 Reinvestment Act of 2009,] for the initial development of a state-wide
23 health information exchange. Any private or federal funds received by
24 the department may be used for the purpose of establishing health
25 information technology pilot programs and the grant programs
26 described in section 19a-25h.

27 (b) The department shall: (1) Facilitate the implementation and
28 periodic revisions of the health information technology plan after the
29 plan is initially submitted in accordance with the provisions of section
30 74 of public act 09-232, including the implementation of an integrated
31 state-wide electronic health information infrastructure for the sharing
32 of electronic health information among health care facilities, health
33 care professionals, public and private payors and patients, and (2)
34 develop standards and protocols for privacy in the sharing of
35 electronic health information. Such standards and protocols shall be no
36 less stringent than the "Standards for Privacy of Individually
37 Identifiable Health Information" established under the Health
38 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, as
39 amended from time to time, and contained in 45 CFR 160, 164. Such
40 standards and protocols shall require that individually identifiable
41 health information be secure and that access to such information be
42 traceable by an electronic audit trail.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	19a-25g

HS *Joint Favorable*